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REPORT ON THE IN-HOME SUPPORTIVE SERVICES WORKER HEALTH CARE PLAN - ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

This is in response to requests from your staff for additional information on the analysis we developed for our March 10, 2003 memorandum on the financial viability of reducing the eligibility threshold from 112 hours to 80 hours per month for In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) workers in the Personal Assistance Services Council-Service Employees International Union (PASC-SEIU) Homecare Workers Health Care Plan (Health Care Plan).

Attached are three schedules which summarize the data upon which we based our review. The first schedule provides an overall projection of enrollment and Health Care Plan costs at the current 112-hour and proposed 80-hour eligibility thresholds, along with the federal, State and County shares based on the current IHSS program sharing ratios. The next schedule provides a summary of our estimates of Health Care Plan costs, both for the Office of Managed Care and for DHS facilities providing health care to Health Care Plan enrollees. The third schedule provides our projections of numbers of enrollees assigned to Department of Health Services (DHS) facilities and 12-month cost projections based upon utilization and service cost data provided by DHS. All calculations assume the current federal, State and County sharing ratios, and all cost projections are estimates based on projected utilization and average costs developed by DHS for each facility. DHS currently does not have the information systems capability to track actual costs to individual patients.

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If you have questions or need additional information, please call me or your staff may contact Amy Bennett of my staff at (213) 893-9742.

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